

I am very angry that the federal government has ignored the extremely obvious will of the people in this matter. It makes me wonder if we really have a democracy. Who are you serving?

My opinion: It ought to be an Opt-in list - people who actually want telemarketing calls (the minority) could add themselves to a list. This only makes sense given the small minority that actually want marketing calls. It certainly would be a smaller, easier to handle list. The rest of us can live in peace.

Marketers could entice people to add themselves to an opt-in list by offering discounts, etc. In this way they would pay the people willing to put up with the inconvenience for their time. There could be multiple opt-in lists for different companies and types of calls, and one free-for-all list for the truly masochistic consumer.

If we can't get an opt-in telemarketing list, then a national opt-out list is the next best thing.

Predictive dialers are evil! hang up calls are a nuisance and can be frightening in certain situations. Isn't it obvious that they should be illegal?

Also: Leaving marketing messages on a machine should be illegal for the same reason that junk faxes are illegal - it uses up resources that I pay for. Junk messages can fill up my machine or service, causing me to miss important messages. In my case the message service I use only allows 5 messages. Frequently 1 or 2 of them are junk. The penalty for breaking this rule should be severe.

I would also like to say that the preceding should apply to all types of solicitation calls, including charities and political campaigns. Why should they have the right to intrude on my privacy? All of these rules should carry penalties and should be persued by the government, not just a private right of action. After all, it is the consumer's time we are trying to protect. Who has time to chase down some fly-by-night outfit to collect an \$500 fine after a year and a half? The government should be filing class-action suits against these companies.

Once again, WHO ARE YOU SERVING?